

First Baptist Church

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July 1, 2020

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Worship

Outside Worship every **Sunday at 8:30 a.m.**

Park your vehicle in the parking lot facing the children's building portico. You may stay in your vehicle and tune in to the radio or you may sit outside your vehicle in your lawn chair.



If you cannot join us during our 8:30 a.m. service, please join us for worship on **Sundays at 11:00 a.m. and prayer on Wednesdays at**

5:30 p.m. online on  Facebook (First Baptist Clinton).

July 26th

Sunday, July 26th is our **new target date** for **in-person worship** in the FBC sanctuary. Please be in prayer for staff as we prepare to meet again in person.

Blood Connection

The Blood Connection will be in the First Baptist Church parking lot
July 9, 1:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.



The Stream

Volume 6, Issue 14

They are like trees planted by streams of water... (Psalm 1:3a)

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Dr. Blake Harwell
Senior Minister



"...love God...extend His love..."

July 1, 2020

Loving our Neighbors

In-person, indoor worship delayed again.

Brothers and Sisters, to say I am disappointed is an understatement. I am indeed looking forward to seeing you all (face-to-face not just digitally :) someday. As we've examined the data, however, and the rapid rise of COVID-19 cases in South Carolina and Laurens County we believe that we can continue to love our neighbors best by not meeting in our building for the next month. I know this decision will disappoint some of you. I assure you, we are disappointed too!

Our staff's decision was not made in fear. The decision is about love—loving our neighbors well. What do I mean? By not meeting First Baptist members will not enable further outbreaks, not endanger any more of our beloved Laurens Countians or First Baptist Church members by exposing them in our services to the virus.

Please continue to pray for our government and public health leaders that

they would make decisions based on science and the public good. Please pray for our church's leadership too! We don't have all the answers (or even very many of them).

This weekend we celebrate one of my favorite holidays: Independence Day. We will shoot fireworks and listen to music and remember/hail the wisdom of our founders, the sacrifices they made, and the course they set us on as a country. And, as we remember, we'll note we've yet to achieve their ambitious goals for us. The good news is (and this we continue to celebrate!) this experiment called the United States is still ongoing! One day we will see all people treated as God made them: equal.

In this pandemic and amidst the racial tension of this season, let's keep following Jesus. Contradicting Director Comey the highest loyalty we have is to Him.

Blake, bharwell@clintonfbc.us

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help with our return to worship in the Sanctuary. If you would be willing to serve in the parking lot, as a greeter or as a cleaner, please call the church office at 833

-2578. We will have a training for each of these volunteer groups so you will know exactly what to do.

Stewardship Report

Week of June 21, 2020*

Regular Receipts	\$ 10,119.59
Designated	\$ 700.00
Total	\$ 10,819.59

Week of June 28, 2020*

Regular Receipts	\$ 9,224.00
Designated	\$ 475.00
Total	\$ 9,699.00

*Electronic giving not included.

2020 Weekly Budgeted Needs
\$ 16,789.19

Thru May
Regular Receipts
Year-to-date: \$366,598.00
Regular Disbursements
Year-to-date \$371,609.00
Budget Needs
Year-to-date \$341,044.00

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Student Ministry

6th—12th graders

BigStuf—July 16th-July 20th

Be in prayer for BigStuf participants and chaperones as they prepare to leave for Panama City, FL. They will leave FBC parking lot at 4:00 a.m. on July 16 and return late on July 20th.

Green River Cove Tubing—July 25

Meet at church at 9:00 a.m.
Cost: \$25.00 for tubing + dinner
Bring a towel and bathing suit.
Sign-up deadline: July 15

Sunday BASH—July 5th & July 12th

We will meet at the church for fellowship and a Bible Study.
4:00-5:30 p.m. Alpha (Rising 6th-8th grade)
5:00-6:30 p.m. Omega (Rising 9th-College Freshmen)

6*4*8—Tuesdays, July 7th & July 14th

6:48-8:00 p.m.
Meet at the Church under the trees.

July 23- Service Project

Watch for details.

Tara Webb, Minister to Students (twebb@clintonfbc.us)
Thomas Hellams, Summer Intern (thellams106@andersonuniversity.edu)

Howard Holcomb Scholarship

Application Deadline: If you are a college or seminary student preparing for a church-related field, you may apply for this scholarship. Applications may be obtained in the church office. Return them to the office by **August 14, 2020**.

Contributions: The Howard Holcomb Scholarship was established to assist college and seminary students with their tuition if they are pre-

paring for a church-related field. The interest from the endowment for this scholarship and contribution made throughout the year are used to fund these students. If interested, please make your contributions to this fund by placing it in an envelope and marking Howard Holcomb Fund on the envelope.

Sunday School Update

As you have already heard, our church leadership has prayerfully decided to postpone our return to in-person worship in the sanctuary until at least Sunday, July 26th. Unfortunately, it is hard to say exactly when our Sunday school classes will be able to return to their classrooms. Adult classes continue to meet via video or in small, socially-distance groups in other locations. When we do return, to keep participants safe things will likely look very different.

With that said, our Nominating Committee is busy contacting all current teachers in preparation for the 2020-2021 Sunday School year. Please consider serving the Lord and our church in this vital way (recognizing that some of you or your loved ones have health issues that preclude you from serving). If you have previously served as a teacher or are willing to step in to that role, please let me know right away.
Doug, dshenton@clintonfbc

Ministry Opportunities**Items for Connie Maxwell**

It is time for the annual mission project through the Laurens Baptist Association. Churches in the association are asked to donate items for Connie Maxwell Children's Home in Greenwood, SC. This year FBC's item is dish detergent. Please bring your dish detergent donations by the church during office hours (Monday—Thursday 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. or Friday 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.). Deadline to drop off your donations to FBC is **August 25**.

Mission Project for July**Safe Home**

P.O. Box 744
Clinton, SC 29325



United Ministries of Clinton continues to serve those in need in our community. If you would like to donate non-perishable food items, you can bring the items to the church during our office hours (Monday—Thursday 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. or Friday 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.). You may send financial donations to United Ministries of Clinton, 500 Academy Street, Clinton, SC 29325.

Homebound

Linda Madden
709 N Adair St
Clinton, SC 29325
Take time to send Mrs. Madden a card/note.

You can give to FBC by using your phone. Text 'fbccclinton' and the money amount you want to give to 73256. 1. Click the link, 2. Complete your gift. Once you set up your giving information, you can give in a matter of seconds. If you have questions, call Emily Plowden at 833-2578.

Mental Health Assistance

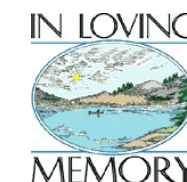
If you need help coping or you know of someone who needs help coping, the Laurens County Mental Health Office is open and available to help you. They accept referrals and walk-in appointments. The office is located at 442 Professional Park Road

in Clinton and the phone number is 864-938-0912. There office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m. There is also a crisis line for after-hour mental health emergencies (833-364-2274).

Literature

July monthly literature (*Home Life, Mature Living, Journey, Stand Firm, Parent Life, Living with Teens*) is available. If you need to pick up any of this literature please come by the church on Monday—Thursday 9:00 AM—3:00 PM or Friday 9:00AM—1:00 PM.

We have literature left over from April, May and June. If you know of someone or some place who could use any of these devotionals or magazines please come by the church office and pick some up.



Alvin Donnan, Jr.

Joined FBC January 8, 2019

Died June 30, 2020